

AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Grand Juries Will Inquire Into the Panama Canal Scandal.

NO RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

Many Senators Oppose Higher Pay for President, Vice-President and Speaker.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Six Washington correspondents of out-of-town papers and a local news bureau have been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury and testify, presumably in connection with statements appearing in their publications bearing on the Panama canal purchase.

In his special message to congress of December 15, regarding charges of corruption, the President announced that the attorney-general had under his consideration the form in which proceedings for libel against Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, should be brought.

Nowhere in the government annals has such an action been taken as the government suing for criminal libel. The President in his message was most emphatic in saying that it should not be left to a private citizen to enter suit, and was particular to state that he did not believe "we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, articles from correspondents or articles in the news columns. The real offender is Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the New York World."

An amendment in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill increasing the salary of the President to \$100,000, of the Vice-President to \$20,000 with \$5000 additional allowance for carriages and coachmen for the Vice-president and speaker, and increases for the judiciary aggregating \$328,500, precipitated a lively discussion in the senate.

Borah, of Idaho, made a point of order against these increases on the ground that they involved general legislation which, according to the rules of the senate, cannot be placed on an appropriation bill in face of a single objection.

A treaty providing for extradition has been signed with Honduras by Secretary Root. The state department has declined to say whether or not the treaty is retroactive, but if it is the last haven of refuge for fugitive prisoners in the Western Hemisphere has disappeared.

Among the criminals liable to be brought back under the new treaty is John Riplinger, ex-controller of Seattle, who absconded with some \$60,000 of that city's funds. He is now living in security in Honduras.

The house committee on appropriations have included in the urgency deficiency appropriation bill, a bill of \$30,000 for the maintenance of automobiles for the White House. It was explained that Mr. Taft has indicated that he would use automobiles during his incumbency of the White House, and in order that he might have the machines at the beginning of his administration, the item was included in this bill.

The senate committee on agriculture has authorized a favorable report of the McCumber bill providing for the inspection and grading of grains. Under this bill national inspection and grading of grains is provided for and the department of agriculture is authorized to fix definite grades. In addition to the present laboratories, others are to be established at Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco and other points.

The house committee on rivers and harbors voted against a general appropriation bill for river and harbor improvements. The committee will report a bill providing for carrying on important work already begun, for surveys of urgent projects proposed and for any emergencies which may arise.

Attorney-General Bonaparte will be invited to appear before the special committee of the senate, which is considering the Culberson resolution calling for the opinion of the judiciary committee as to the authority of the President in permitting absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation.

With the signing of an arbitration treaty between the United States and Austria-Hungary, at the state department, conventions of that character with more than 20 nations of the world have been agreed to. The treaty now goes to the senate for ratification.

The house committee on naval affairs has fixed the amount needed for the maintenance of the naval service during the fiscal year 1910 at \$125,662,888, as compared with \$122,662,485, the present appropriation.

URNS DOWN WOOLMEN

Refuses Invitation to Convention at Pocatello, Idaho.

Pocatello, Idaho, Jan. 18.—Chief Forester Pinchot turned down two invitations to attend the convention of National Woolgrowers' Association, which adjourned in this city Saturday night. Mr. Pinchot's refusals were based on what he termed the selfish and narrow policy of the



GIFFORD PINCHOT.

association toward the government forestry work. Pinchot's invitations and his replies were made public here.

On a final showdown on the Chicago wool storage proposition it was found that the signatures to the Chicago contract were 4,500,000 pounds short of the required 25,000,000 pounds necessary to insure the Chicago market.

HAVE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Methodists Celebrate Birth of Church Missions at Washington, D. C.

Washington, Jan. 18.—In the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church in this city Methodist Episcopalians celebrated with prayer and music and addresses the diamond jubilee of the beginning of the missionary movement of the church. Seventy-five years ago the church sent out its first missionary in the person of Melville B. Cox, who landed on the west coast of Africa in Liberia, and began the work that has now spread to all parts of the civilized and uncivilized world.

President Roosevelt and Vice-President Fairbanks spoke at the celebration tonight. Other speakers were Earl Cranston, Methodist Episcopal bishop of Washington, and Joseph C. Hartzell, missionary bishop to Africa since 1896.

One purpose of the celebration is the starting of a fund to equip in better manner the stations of the Methodist Episcopal church in Africa. There are six of these in different parts of the continent, and the sum of \$300,000 is needed to aid in the spreading of their work. Members of the church were asked tonight to contribute that sum in commemoration of the diamond jubilee, in addition to their regular offering.

CUBA TO GOVERN HERSELF

Gomez to Be Inaugurated January 28 and Americans Will Withdraw.

Havana, Jan. 18.—On January 28 at noon the Cuban people will come into their own for the second time at the hands of the American government. It was on May 20, 1902, that the American flag, hoisted after the war with Spain, was hauled down in favor of the blue-striped, single-starred ensign of Cuba.

The inauguration of Jose Miguel Gomez, the new president, on January 28, will take place at the palace at noon. Several American warships will fire a national salute, but neither United States sailors nor soldiers remaining on the islands will participate in the inaugural parade, as their presence might detract from the pride of the people in the return of native sovereignty.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 92c; red Russian, 90c; bluestem, \$1.05; Valley, 95c.
Barley—Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28@29.
Oats—No. 1 white \$33; gray, \$32.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.50; clover, \$12.
Butter—Extra, 38@37c; fancy, 33@34c; choice, 30c; store, 18c.
Eggs—Extra, 47@50c.
Hops—1908, choice, 74c; prime, 6@7c; medium, 5@6c; 1907, 2@2 1/2c.
Wool—Valley, 14@15 1/2c; B.; Eastern Oregon, 8@16c, as to shrinkage.
Mohair—Choice, 18@19c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.04.
Oats—\$32@33.
Barley—\$27.50@28.
Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$18 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$13@14 per ton; wheat hay, \$13 per ton; alfalfa, \$13@14 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery, 37c per lb.; ranch, 23c per lb.
Eggs—Selected local, 46c.

WHOLE FAMILY SLAIN

W. L. Seeley, Wife and Daughter, of Seattle, Killed—No Weapon Found.

WOMEN'S HEADS BATTERED

Ladies Are in Nightrobes, Man Partially Clothed—Murder Occurs Thursday Night.

Seattle, Jan. 18.—W. L. Seeley, an attorney and ex-national bank examiner for Illinois; his wife, a member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, and his daughter, Miss Rene Seeley, a student at the University of Washington, were found dead in a bathroom of their home in the fashionable Capitol Hill district at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They had been dead since the previous Thursday.

The women, each of whom was clad in nightrobes, had been murdered by being struck in the head, evidently with a hammer. There was no mark of violence on Seeley. He is believed to have been partially chloroformed and then drowned in the bathtub. All three were kneeling at the bathtub with their heads submerged in the water.

The bodies were found Sunday by Guy M. Smelzer, affianced husband of Miss Seeley, and E. R. Zibbell, a friend of the family. The police detectives searched the house for the weapon with which the murders had been committed, but were unable to find any bloodstained implement. No jewelry or other article of value was taken from the house.

Late developments are taken as strengthening the theory that the man killed the two women and then committed suicide. He had recently received \$8000 as his share of his father's estate, but within the past few days he had borrowed money to pay his last month's house rent, indicating that he was in financial straits.

Seeley is an uncle of M. F. Gose, of Pomeroy, recently appointed by the governor to the Washington supreme bench. He has a brother, Charles, at Pomeroy, and another, Frank, at Hood River, Oregon.

SEATTLE MAN GETS BRIDE

Charts Special Train to Get Over Boundary.

Portland, Or., Jan. 18.—Denied a license to marry in Oregon because of the non-residence laws of this state, H. R. Rood, vice-president of the Pacific Crosscutting Company, of Seattle, chartered a special train Saturday afternoon and went to Vancouver, Wash., where he and Mrs. Edward G. Stolber, of Denver and Paris, widow of the late E. G. Stolber, were married.

The bride is said to be the wealthiest woman in the American colony in Paris, where she has spent the greater part of the time since her husband's death.

Thaw's Appeal Granted.

Nyack, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Harry K. Thaw will be given a trial in New York City to determine whether he is sane or insane. An order to that effect has been issued by Justice A. S. Tompkins, to whom an appeal asking for a new trial was made by Mrs. William Thaw, Harry's mother.

MOYER LOSES SUIT

Sued Colorado Executive for Damages as Result of Imprisonment.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The supreme court of the United States today decided against Former President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, in the damage suit brought by him against former Governor Peabody, of Colorado, on account of Moyer's imprisonment on the governor's orders, because of his alleged connection with riots at Telluride, Colo., in 1904.

Notorious Woman Jailed.

Kalispell, Mont., Jan. 18.—Marion Young, badly wanted in Seattle for holding up and robbing a man, has been arrested here by Sheriff O'Connell. She is also wanted in Portland and other coast cities for robbery, where she operated for a number of years.

Iroquois Claims Settled.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—It was made public today that after five years of litigation settlements had been made in the cases of 30 of the deaths caused by the Iroquois Theater fire. It is stated that \$750 a case is to be paid.

Black Horses for Inauguration.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 18.—Jacob B. Perkins, a Cleveland millionaire, has completed the purchase of 24 matched black horses to be used by the famous "Black Horse Troop" in the Taft inaugural parade March 4.

Tang Shao Yi to Negotiate Loan.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 18.—Tang Shao Yi, Chinese special ambassador now in America, has been asked by Viceroy Hsu, of Manchuria, to negotiate a loan in America to provide for the colonization of Manchuria.

TO SEND BUILDING MATERIAL

Roosevelt's Plan to Aid Sufferers by Recent Earthquake in Italy.

Washington, Jan. 18.—An innovation in international relief measures so far as Europe is concerned will be undertaken by the government in expending the \$500,000 appropriated by congress for the Italian earthquake sufferers. Realizing that a great need among the sufferers will be shelter, President Roosevelt has decided to send to Italy material for the construction of 2500 or 3000 substantial but modest frame houses.

Verbal instructions were given by the President to Secretary Newberry to enlist the machinery of the navy department. Mr. Newberry has already been able to make partial arrangements for carrying out the orders of the President.

The bodies of the American Consul, Arthur S. Cheney and Mrs. Cheney have been found in the ruins of the American consulate at Messina by the sailors of the American battleship Illinois. Arrangements are being made for the shipment of the bodies to the United States.

An estimate of the dead in Messina as a result of the catastrophe of December 28, made by Stuart K. Lupton, the American vice-consul, on behalf of the American embassy at Rome, places the number at 90,000.

SENATORS ELECTED

Elihu Root Chosen to Succeed Platt by New York Legislators.

Albany, N. Y., Jan.—As required by the federal law, the two houses of the legislature of the state of New York met here today in separate session to vote for a successor to Thomas C. Platt, United States senator from this state. The votes today were merely confirmatory of the choice of the caucuses of the republicans of the two houses, Elihu Root, secretary of state.

Penrose Re-Elected.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 19.—Boies Penrose will again represent the state of Pennsylvania in the United States senate, according to the votes of the two houses of the state legislature, cast here today. He is a resident of Philadelphia. This will be his third term in the senate.

Election in Connecticut.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 19.—By a vote of the two houses of the state legislature, cast today, Frank B. Brandegee will again be the junior senator from the state of Connecticut.

BARBER IS VERY EXPENSIVE

Man Who Shaves Presidential Beard Paid \$1000 Yearly.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The recommendation of the auditor for the navy department that congress provide more clerks for his office has raised some question concerning the employment of William B. Dulany. Dulany for several years has been President Roosevelt's negro barber. Last March he was appointed a "special accountant" in the navy auditor's office at a salary of \$1600 a year, but continued to serve as the Presidential tonsorial artist. It is reported the appropriation committee of the house, at the instance of several members who want to "get even" with the President, will investigate the matter and ask why the navy auditor's office should pay for his daily shave.

China Will Not Change Policy.

Peking, Jan. 18.—Prince Ching, president of the board of foreign affairs, has assured the American and British ministers that the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai means no change in Chinese policy, but bitterness has arisen between the British and Japanese representatives here on account of Japan's refusal to join Great Britain in her representations to Prince Ching. The British position is that Japan acts in bad faith, while the Japanese legation explains that it agreed to concur in the opinion of the majority and that a majority of the ministers favored the taking of no action in this direction.

Want Votes in New York.

New York, Jan. 18.—Imitating to some extent their strenuous English sisters, the woman suffragists of New York state began tonight at Yonkers a vigorous two weeks' campaign, covering the state as far up as Albany. The movement will wind up in two large meetings in the state capital intended to impress the state legislators with the strength of the movement. They will be held January 25 and 26.

Wreck Kills 21; Injures 30.

Glenwood Springs, Col., Jan. 18.—Twenty-one persons were killed and 30 injured, many of them seriously, in a head-on collision between a westbound passenger and an east-bound freight on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, between Dotsero and Spruce Creek, 22 miles from Glenwood Springs, at 9:30 o'clock Friday night.

Thornton Hains Held Not Guilty.

Flushing, L. I., Jan. 18.—After deliberating for 22 hours and taking 15 ballots, the jury acquitted Thornton Jenkins Hains of the murder of William E. Annis, who was shot dead by Hains' brother, Captain Peter C. Hains. The first ballot stood eight to four for acquittal.

ROOSEVELT'S HUNT AND THE NATIONAL MUSEUM



NATIONAL MUSEUM, WASHINGTON

ALTHOUGH the Roosevelt hunt in Africa is entirely a private affair, it takes on somewhat of an official character now that

it is known that the Smithsonian institution is to benefit from the enterprise. The Smithsonian institution is under the direction of the United States government. It was founded under a bequest of an Englishman, James Smithson, who died in Italy in 1829. It is administered by a board at the head of which is the president of the United States, although the practical head of the institution is the secretary, who has always been a man distinguished for scientific acquirements. The first secretary was Joseph Henry, noted for his epoch making discoveries. The present secretary is Charles D. Walcott, former head of the geological survey. To most visitors to Washington that part of the Smithsonian institution known as the National museum proves of great interest, and its millions of specimens are viewed by thousands of persons every year. One of the important departments of the institution is a bureau of ethnology, and another is the library. The work of the institution as a whole embraces a broad field of scientific and historical effort.

Professor Walcott, who is a native of New York state, fifty-eight years of age and a graduate of Hamilton college, has made an international reputation by his achievements in geology and paleontology. Twenty years ago he made a special study of the Cam-

president will kill will be given without charge.

The youngest member of the Smithsonian representation on the trip is Edmund Heller, a graduate of Stanford university, class of 1901, a thoroughly trained naturalist, whose special work will be the preparation and preservation of specimens of large animals. Mr. Heller is about thirty years of age. His former experience, when associated with D. G. Elliot and Mr. Ackley of the Field Columbian museum in collecting big game animals



MAJOR EDGAR A. MEARNS, U. S. A., RETIRED.

In the same portions of Africa which Mr. Roosevelt will visit, will be a valuable asset to the expedition. Mr. Heller has had large experience in animal collecting in Alaska, British Columbia, the United States, Mexico, Central America and South America. In the year 1898 he made a collecting trip of eleven months to Galapagos islands, starting from San Francisco. He is an enthusiastic collector as well as a well equipped naturalist. He is also the author of scientific papers on animals, birds, reptiles and fishes. At present he is assistant curator of the museum of vertebrate zoology of the University of California.

Another member of the delegation, J. Alden Loring, is a field naturalist whose training comprises service in the biological survey of the department of agriculture and in the Bronx zoological park, New York city, as well as on numerous collecting trips through British America, Mexico and the United States. He is about thirty-eight years old, of ardent temperament and intensely energetic. In August, September and October, 1898, he made the highest record for a traveling collector, having sent to the United States National museum 900 well prepared specimens of small mammals in the three months' journey from London, through Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and Belgium.

The other representative of the Smithsonian institution who will accompany the president is Major Edgar A. Mearns, medical corps, U. S. A., retired. Major Mearns will be the physician of the trip. He has had twenty-five years' experience as an army doctor and is well known as a naturalist and collector of natural history specimens. He is a dead shot. Major Mearns is about fifty-three years of age and is the oldest member of the party. For this reason perhaps he has the honor of having charge of the Smithsonian portion of the delegation. While each and every one of the party, including the president's son Kermit, official photographer, has special duties assigned him, all will naturally act together in many respects, and it is anticipated that the scientific results of the expedition, in view of the unusual opportunities offered, will be of much value.

An Adventurous Explorer.

Some strange adventures have been experienced by Erwin Clarkson Garrett, University of Pennsylvania man, who with two native servants recently penetrated the jungles of Borneo. He was the first white man to do this.

Mr. Garrett was heavily armed, but had no occasion to use his guns, although there were times, he declared, when he had to sit up nights and be on the lookout for the treacherous Dyaks, who infest the forests of Borneo. There were times, he said, when Dutch troops went through the dense forests "armed to the teeth," but never before, he added, had a white man made the trip alone. During the Filipino insurrection Garrett served in the regular army in the Philippines and made a careful study of the habits and character of the natives.

Horrid Thing.
"Why do you hate Mr. Wendell so?" the sweet young mother was asked.
"The horrid thing refused to kiss my baby because he was afraid of catching something."—Houston Post.